



CHINA MAIL

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Road Commandment No. 5

To-day's Commandment of the Road as part of Hong Kong's Safety First campaign:

FOR DRIVERS: Do not overtake another car or stop your own car on a corner. This advice has been given so many times that no one is in danger of losing his life. Yet people continue this dangerous inclination every day. Corners must be left clear and should always be treated with respect. This is one of the fundamental rules of driving.

FOR PEDESTRIANS: Take special care if you have to step out from behind or in front of a vehicle or any other form of obstruction which prevents a clear view of the road. Look very carefully both ways before you start moving, or you find yourself walking into the front wheels of a vehicle that you haven't been able to see.

One Fatality In 448,111 Miles

THE FOLLOWING FACTS MAY HELP TO CLARIFY THE MIND OF THE PUBLIC AS REGARDS THE POSITION OF R.A.F. MOTOR TRANSPORT IN THE COLONY:

1. TOTAL NUMBER OF VEHICLES HELD 4,179 AND MILEAGE FOR THE PERIOD SEPT. 4 TO FEB. 28 11,118,403,000. AVERAGE MILEAGE PER MONTH BILLING 672,170.

2. The accident rate in that period works out at one fatality per 448,111 miles, one serious injury per 500,126 miles and one slight injury per 212,263 miles.

3. No R.A.F. driver in the Colony has had less than one year's driving experience. All armoured drivers are given an extensive two weeks' course when they muster in England, on all types of vehicles and roads, including night driving. Before being allowed to handle a Service vehicle, they are required to pass a stringent test. A certain number of officers from Air Headquarters, Hong Kong, have been granted furloughs and they, too, must have previous experience and undergo a severe test. There is a strict restriction on the issue of driving authorities to any other than Motor Transport personnel, monthly returns being called for from all units by headquarters.

4. Weekly accident returns are forwarded to headquarters from all units in the area. This practice has been in operation since Sept. 16, 1945 and a damaged vehicle cannot be repaired by R.A.F. mechanics unless a Form 400 accident report states all drivers carry has been completed.

ACTION ALWAYS TAKEN

5. Warnings appear frequently in routine orders re the danger of wet road conditions and drivers have been told that the excuse "the road was wet", will not necessarily be accepted as a plea.

Services maximum speed limits have been introduced in all unit orders at least twice during the last four months.

6. An easily identifiable two letter two number marking has been in use by the R.A.F. since Jan. 10 and vehicles can be readily recognised by any complainant.

7. Maximum loading orders for R.A.F. vehicles have been in force since October, 1945 and transport lent to other users has been withdrawn when cases of overloading have been reported.

8. Severe disciplinary action, in accordance with King's Regulations, is always enforced by Air Headquarters, Hong Kong, where a driver is found guilty of negligence and, on several occasions, driving licences have been withdrawn. There is no question at all as far as the R.A.F. are concerned, of a driver being able to "get away with it".

"SAVE BERMUDA FROM THE CAR"

Hamilton, March 13.

An eleven-hour flight to save Bermuda, island of horses, buggies and bicycles from cars has been started by a group of women who have sent a petition bearing 5,000 signatures to the Assembly.

The petition will be considered on Friday when recommendations by a joint committee of the Assembly and Legislative Council to remove almost entirely all restrictions against the advent of cars are being considered.

It is believed here the Assembly will favour the recommendations and that barriers against cars maintained with a few latter day exceptions since 1908, will be thrown down.—Reuter.

Harrisburg, March 13.
John A. Archibald of Allentown, former staff sergeant who donated blood to save former Premier Tolo's life after his suicide attempt in September, field yesterday for the democratic nomination to the Pennsylvania house of representatives. — Associated Press.

ACCIDENT TOLL

A FATAL ACCIDENT, IN WHICH TWO MEN ON A BICYCLE WERE KILLED, OCCURRED IN NATHAN ROAD, NEAR MIDDLE ROAD,

The biker, with the passenger riding pillion, crashed into a military truck. The two men were thrown off their machine and died later in hospital. The civilian rider was Tsan Kwong, 24, a travelling salesman.

Other accidents reported to the police yesterday included:

A 13-year-old Chinese boy fell from the rear bumper of a moving train in Queen's Road East.

A nine-year-old Chinese girl was taken to Queen Mary Hospital with injuries as a result of having been knocked down by a Royal Naval truck in Queen's Road East.

A Chinese pedestrian was struck by a tram in Hennessy Road and suffered injuries to both legs and a bruised face.

An Indian, Faikar Shah, fell while alighting from a tram at Causeway Bay and received injuries to the back of his head.

A Chinese fractured his skull when he fell in jumping from a moving tram in Des Voeux Road West.

A Chinese boy was knocked down by a tram in Des Voeux Road West and is now in hospital.

L.P.T.B. Reveals Its Wartime Secrets

LONDON, MAR. 13.—DAY CAME OUT FROM BEHIND WARTIME SECRECY AND TOLD HOW THEY SHELTERED AND TRANSPORTED LONDON'S MILLIONS DESPITE BOMBS AND FIRE, AND EXPLAINED THE NEW HIGH SPEED UNDERGROUND RAILWAYS AND REPLACEMENT OF TRAMS AND IMMEDIATE STEPS IN THE VAST EXTENSION PROGRAMME.

The Board said: "Only with the determination, forbearance and staff could the task have been accomplished under conditions of war" as on the night of May 10, 1941, when ten sections of railway were out of action, no buses could operate through the city of London, all tram termini on the south side of the Thames isolated and only one on the north side could be used. All services, except two sections of the railway, was restored within ten days.

The enemy battered the buses so hard that in a fleet of 6,407, instances of damage in war numbered 4,466. While double-deckers remained through ruins, almost with chips flying from them, tube stations at 79 points sheltered a total of 63,000,000 persons during the war with the peak of 177,000 on the night of Sept. 27, 1940.

The traffic declined to about seven billion passenger miles annually during the worst of the Blitz, then rose steadily. When things became worse, the L.P.T.B. went into boats at the request of the Government and

ran a river service on the Thames to ease the pressure on land transport. Londoners did

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No Reply Yet To U.S. Note

Washington, Mar. 13.

Secretary of State Byrnes said to-day Russia has replied to the Feb. 9 American note inquiring about Soviet economic policies in Manchuria, but he declined to disclose the contents of the reply at the present time.

It was learned, however, on good authority that the Russian note defended the Soviet removal of industrial equipment on the ground that anything which belonged to the Japanese army was fair booty for the Russian army, and it denied that Russia had promised to China any exclusive Sino-Soviet economic control of Manchuria. — Associated Press.

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BOON MAY GO TO U.S.A.

London, Mar. 13.

Wile Boon, former British light-weight boxing champion, now fighting as boxer, has received offers for three American fights in Philadelphia, Chicago and New York. It was announced here to-day.

Benny Hestman, Bon's manager, is en route to the United States for terms. — Reuter.

TENSION IN IRAN

Strange Soviet Activity

Army Said To Be On The Move

(By Jon Kios)

LONDON, MARCH 13.—THE REPORT THAT SOVIET TROOPS WITH COMBAT EQUIPMENT AND TANKS ARE MOVING SOUTH AND WEST THROUGH TABRIZ IN NORTH IRAN SHOULD BE INTERPRETED WITH EXTREME CAUTION UNTIL MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS INDICATING THE LOCATION OF THESE TROOPS ARE GIVEN. THE TOWNS STATED TO HAVE BEEN ENTERED BY SOVIET TROOPS ARE ALL WITHIN THE PRESENT SOVIET ZONE OF OCCUPATION.

THIS PARTICULAR REPORT THAT TROOPS ARE MOVING WESTWARD OFFERS GROUNDS FOR STRONG SCEPTICISM AS THE WORDS FROM TABRIZ TO BOTH THE TURKISH AND IRAN BORDER ARE ABOMINABLE AND THAT ALL SNOWBOUND AT PRESENT, THEY LEAD ONLY INTO THE WILDEST, MOUNTAINOUS AND, AT BEST OF TIMES, STRATEGICALLY BAD AREAS OF TURKEY AND IRAQ.

One can understand infiltration and gun-running for local tribes in this frontier zone but the movement of troops with tanks seems unlikely.

There is only one road on which serious troop movements would be practicable. This is the main Teheran-Baghdad road which runs through Kazvin, the nearest post of importance to Teheran.

To move along this road, the Russians would have to occupy the large cities of Hamadan and Kermanshah, with populations of 100,000 and 90,000 respectively. Such a move would be tantamount to the occupation of Iran and would require a large number of troops and there is no sign of anything of that kind happening.

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AGAINST TURKEY? A suggestion has been made that this movement is directed against Turkey.

One other possibility can be considered. There may be disturbances in the capital. The Prime Minister may not be certain of the Iranian Army since it is officered by men generally hostile to the Left. The Iranian Army numbers about 90,000 men and is an important factor in internal politics; it might try to get rid of Sultanzadeh and establish a military dictatorship.

Under such circumstances the Russians may be about to assist the Shah in his request, or they may be reinforcing their troops at Kazvin, where they have not been very strong.

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—Associated Press.

Spain

Mexico City, Mar. 13.

The permanent commission of the Spanish republic parliament-in-exile has sent messages to the Government of 11 nations asking that the Spanish question be brought before the United Nations Security Council when it meets in New York later this month. The measures are directed to the United States, England, France, Mexico, Russia, China, Brazil, Netherlands, Poland, Australia and Egypt. —Associated Press.

SWISS LOAN TO BRITISH

London, March 13.

A credit of £15,000,000 was

granted to Britain in an Anglo-

Swiss Commercial Agreement

signed here yesterday. The British

Government announced.

Paul Rueger, Swiss Minister

—Associated Press.

in London signed for Switzerland and Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin signed for Britain. —Associated Press.

Four of the men admitted that they were responsible for a robbery which occurred at about 7.30

on Tuesday evening at the Hon

Suen Moneychanger shop, No.

122, Johnston Road. The robbery

was not reported until late yesterday afternoon, after the men

had been arrested.

It was understood that the same

was also responsible for several

recent robberies in the Colony.

—Associated Press.

MURDER IN HARBIN

Chungking, Mar. 13.

The official Central Daily News

reported that Li Chieh-ling, Chair-

man of the Sino-Russian Friend-

ship Association at Harbin, was

found stabbed to death there on

March 10. The paper described

Li as Commander-in-Chief of

Anti-Japanese "Chinese Commu-

nist" Forces in Manchuria, but

Communist headquarters in

Chungking were unable to support

this identification. —Associated

Press.

R.A.F. LAND IN JAPAN

Kure, March 13.

Twenty Mustang fighter air-

craft of the Royal Australian

Air Force touched down to-day

on the Iwakuni airfield on the

boundary of Hiroshima Prefec-

ture—the British occupation

zone in south-west Japan.

They had flown in easy stages

from Borone. Eighty more

Mustangs are expected to arrive

with the arrival here to-day of

900 R.A.F. personnel and

1,000 Indians, the total Empire

troops now in the zone is more

than 12,000.

An outbreak of measles may

delay the disembarkation of the

New Zealand Brigade, which is

expected to arrive here next

week after a direct voyage from

Italy. —Reuter.

THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast:—Cloudy, with

slight rain at first, moderate, east

south-easterly winds.

Yesterday's temperature:

Maximum: 64 degrees at 1 P.M.

Minimum: 61 degrees at 6 a.m.

—Associated Press.

Stone, March 13.

The American army paymaster

"Star and Stripes," reported

that under martial law, a sum of

United States \$1,000,000 worth

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The Big Three

It is abundantly evident that unless a frank settlement is soon reached between Britain, Russia and the United States on all points of friction, the gulf between Russia and her war allies may become too wide to be bridged. Mr. Churchill's speech did nothing to ease the situation. The full text reveals clearly that if the Soviet changes against him at Russo-phobia are not, in fact, true, it was not unreasonable for Russia's publicists to jump to such a conclusion. "In a number of countries, far from the Russian frontier and throughout the world," said Mr. Churchill, the first "Communist fifth columns are established and work in absolute obedience to directions they receive from the Communists." The fifth columns constitute a growing challenge and peril to Christian civilisation.

Was Mr. Churchill any happier in his proposals for an Anglo-American alliance? There was not the slightest prospect, in the present mood of the American people, of a reception other than cool, and its primary effect therefore, was to confirm Moscow in the belief that there are influential groups working actively in Britain and the United States against Russia. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the significance of the statement made by Mr. Attlee in the House of Commons will not be overlooked. The Prime Minister declined to express an opinion, "as the head of the Government, on a speech delivered in another country by a private individual," but he made it quite clear that the Government had no previous knowledge of the contents of the speech and that the British Ambassador was not called upon to approve or disapprove its contents beforehand. This needed to be said, for the task of removing the anxieties now besetting Anglo-Russian and Russo-American relations will be heavy enough without the added complication of newly created suspicions. Mr. Churchill's facts, the cause of these anxieties, cannot be challenged; it is the personal interpretation placed upon them that carries danger of crystallising the conflict. Russia's real motives are widely understood. No-one knows better than M. Stalin how narrow was the margin between victory and defeat in 1941-42. The risk is one which Russia is not prepared to accept for the future, and an administration friendly to herself is a contingency against which she will bring every pressure to bear. But Russia must not be surprised if her attention is drawn to the dangers inherent in such a policy, and to the conflict with the principles of the Charter of the U.N.O. If Russia retains the desire to exercise the power and influence in U.N.O. councils that her international status warrants, she cannot permit herself to be held up as the chief trumper of the rights of smaller nations. These public controversies, however, are unlikely to be modified by exchanges of diplomatic notes. If the foundations of peace are to be well laid, nothing commands itself as more likely to achieve that end than early Big Three consultations at the highest level.

Chinese Signalman In Royal Navy

CHINESE RATINGS NOW FORM PART OF ROYAL NAVAL PERSONNEL WHO STAFF THE COMMUNICATION CENTRE IN HONG KONG. SOME ARE ALREADY EMPLOYED ON FLEET COMMUNICATION WORK AND OTHERS ARE BEING TAUGHT VISUAL SIGNALLING AND NAVAL WIRELESS PROCEDURE AT A RECENTLY ESTABLISHED SIGNAL TRAINING CENTRE.

THE MAJORITY OF THE MEN NOW RECEIVING INSTRUCTION AT THE CENTRE WERE PREVIOUSLY MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE. THEY HAVE NOW SIGNED ON FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS SERVICE AND THE QUESTION OF THEIR STATUS AND FUTURE ADVANCEMENT IS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE NAVAL AUTHORITIES. IT IS RESPONSIBLE WORK, BUT THE CHINESE PERSONNEL ARE PROVING JPT PUPILS, AND ARE AN ADDED HELP IN THE TASK OF REPLACING BRITISH RATINGS WHO ARE DUE FOR DEMOBILISATION.

Sixty-one Chinese ratings are at present performing duties at Area Command Headquarters where world-wide signal traffic is dealt with. Visiting the communication centre recently, a Naval Reporter saw Chinese operators reading wireless routines, touchtyping the signals as they hear the Morse symbols relayed through their headphones. The touch-type system of receiving was a wartime innovation for the Royal Navy and was consequently entirely new to Chinese who had been operators before the Japanese occupation.

Twenty-two telegraphists and one leading telephonist are working shifts alongside their British counterparts. Twelve Chinese signallers are also engaged on machine Morse. Manipulating key-boards similar to those of typewriters, they transform the written word into a series of perforations on tape, which is then fitted to a transmitting set.

When the reporter visited the wireless department he watched 23-year-old Fung Pu-ku reading an American broadcast from Manila which requires a touch-typing speed of 25 words a minute. The operator on the Manila

service may have to receive up to 70 signals a day.

PORTUGUESE SERVING

Two Portuguese, a leading telegraphist and a leading radio mechanic, are also serving at A.C.H.Q. Leading telephonist A. B. Hartman (30) served on the cruiser Cornwall before the Japanese occupation and was a member of the crew of the Cornflower, a merchant ship under the White Ensign, during the war. He has now mastered the new system of "reading", touchtypes at 25 words a minute, also acts as an interpreter for other ratings.

A Chinese leading radio mechanic is 31-year-old Bow Kelman who has studied wireless for 12 years and before the war had his own radio business in Hong Kong. He joined the Navy last December and is now employed servicing radio equipment.

The men work under the immediate supervision of Warrant Telegraphist A. C. Gower, D.S.M., R.N., who said that the Chinese telegraphists at present comprise about one-sixth of the complete staff. "They are accurate and they certainly do pick it up quickly," he told the reporter. "It is essential, though, that they already have good grounding in the English language."

From A.C.H.Q. the Royal Navy is in touch with all parts of the world and the wireless section handles an average of 550 "out" signals a day, 400 of which are tailed for transmission. The operators have alternate days of duty, working a total of sixteen and a half hours one day, a total of nine and a half hours two days later in shifts.

A GOOD JOB

In the Signal Distributing Office at A.C.H.Q. Chinese ratings number four, leading signallers 17 signallers, and four able seamen acting as messengers. They are solely engaged on signal distribution duties such as touch-typing, duplicating and filing. Four of the signallers are teletype operators.

The S.D.O. staff is supervised by Mr. E. J. Golden, commissioned signal bosun, R.N., who said of the Chinese personnel: "They are all doing a good job. The majority of them have high school or college education, and were chosen for their knowledge of touch-typing and capability of reading and writing English."

The men are in four watches, each watch of six hours, and are still improving the standard of their work by daily experience. Said Mr. Golden: "By the end of March they will be capable of relieving our ordinary personnel here of the typewriting, duplicating, filing and distribution duties."

Assessing the qualities of the Chinese communication ratings, Commander R. H. Courage, D.S.C., R.N., fleet communications officer, said: "They learn quickly and work extremely well."

ENTHUSIASTIC WORKERS

The Signal Training Centre is located at Queen's Buildings, under the supervision of Lieutenant W. Charnley, R.N.V.R., communications officer, who said that a good standard of work is being maintained at the school.

The first class of telegraphists to pass out numbered 10 pupils, and was trained in Morse, touch-typing and general procedure for receiving and transmitting.

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China's New First Army

Canton, March 13.

The American equipped and trained New First Army is expected to be entirely out of South China by the end of March on their way to Chinanwatan en route to Manchuria.

Remaining officers and enlisted men have been busy preparing to embark for Hong Kong to board landing craft for the north, while other equipment of the 13th Army which went north two months ago is arriving here from the West River to await shipment to Manchuria. Their destinations are Chinachow, Chencow, and Jehol.

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PITMAN EXAMS.

News has just been received from London that the Pitman's examinations held in Stanley Institute Camp have been re-assessed by Pitman's Institute examiners who state that they have no desire to alter the final result of the tests as adjudicated by Mr. P. Ampleford and Mrs. C. G. Bird.

The certificates will be sent to the Director of Education, Hong Kong, for distribution. A full list of successful candidates covering all examinations held in Stanley Camp, of No. 100, Robinson Road,

Forthcoming Weddings

The wedding of Mr. F. Zimmerman and Miss Doris Kotowall is to take place on Friday next week at St. John's Cathedral. A reception will be held afterwards at the Hotel Kong Hotel.

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:

Mr. Kenneth Bing Yip, merchant, of No. 26, Des Voeux Road West, and Miss Joyce Mansfield, Banker, of No. 5, Peace Avenue, Luke Bunn, merchant, of No. 29, Yuk San Street, and Miss Marion Fong, of No. 100, Robinson Road,

CHINESE SIGNALMAN IN ROYAL NAVY

HARD WORKER

A Chinese painter was so engrossed in his work of painting the railway bridge at Prince Edward Road at 9 o'clock yesterday morning that he did not hear a train coming until it was almost too late. The first thing he knew was that the train was almost on top of him. With no time to run to safety, he leaped out into space and landed on the road some 30 feet below.

He was admitted to the Kowloon hospital, where he is doing as well as can be expected with injuries to the left arm and right thigh.

B.E.M. For Chinese Carpenter

The King has approved the award of the British Empire Medal (Civil Division) to Lau Yuk-han, Chinese carpenter of the motor vessel S.S. "British Trust".

The presentation was made by Flag Officer Malaya and Forward Areas Rear-Admiral J. A. V. Morse C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

Carpenter Lau Yuk-han showed outstanding courage, coolness and devotion to duty. During the attack on M.V. "British Trust" by torpedo carrying aircraft on May 1, 1943, he manned one of the guns.

When the ship was hit he was blown from the gun platform by the blast of the explosion, but despite this and the fact that orders for abandoning the rapidly sinking ship had been given he climbed back to the gun platform and took up his station at the gun.

He was one of the last away from the ship and helped to cut away the only boat which got clear. Lau Yuk-han is now employed at H.M. Naval Base Singap-

ore. The Boy Scouts Association Hong Kong Branch has appointed the following Scouters as District Officers effective from Feb. 1:—Wong Yu-hung, (G.S.M. 13th Hong Kong Group), Acting District Scout-master Hong Kong; Tony Yung, (G.S.M. 16th Kowloon Group), Acting District Scout-master Kowloon.

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Present Commanding Officer is Wing-Commander W. E. Ode-Shan, A.F.C., who comes from Manchester.

Children's Ward In R.A.F. Hospital

DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS, 54 CHINESE CHILDREN OF BOTH SEXES HAVE BEEN NURSED BACK TO HEALTH IN A SPECIAL WARD RESERVED FOR THEM AT THE R.A.F. HOSPITAL IN KOWLOON. A FURTHER 15 ARE BEING CARED FOR AT THE PRESENT TIME.

EXPLOSION IN KOWLOON

Two children lost their lives in an explosion early yesterday morning at 209 Tong Mei Road, occupied by a dyestuffs and paint shop.

The explosion, which may have been caused by chemicals, was followed by a fire which was not extinguished until over an hour later by the Fire Brigade.

The front of the shop was totally wrecked and the upper floors of the building and surrounding shops had their windows blown in.

Five people were in the shop at the time of the explosion. One of them, a baby, was killed outright; two more were badly injured and two women slightly injured. Another baby was burned to death in the subsequent fire on the first floor.

A woman on the first floor had a narrow escape from death. Cut off by the flames she was forced to jump out of the window to ground, a fall of about 10 feet. She sustained no injuries.

RAW OPIUM SEIZED

Three months hard labour or a fine of \$300 was imposed on Chan Chik-kin by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday for the unlawful possession of three tools of raw opium. Accused was arrested by T. Tomot, 44 R.M. Commandos at the Lo Wu frontier post. S. I. Rhodes prosecuted.

Another Chinese, Yau Shuk-ching, was fined \$100 or two weeks for possession of a tool of raw opium. R. O. Phillips prosecuted.

A Chinese detective on duty at the Po Hing Theatre saw a pick pocket, Louie Ping, at work and delayed the arrest until Louie passed the catch to a stoolie named Kwok Luen. Both accused were sentenced to three months hard labour by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday. Inspector White prosecuted.

Fine Record Of No. 209 Squadron

NO. 209 FLYING BOAT SQUADRON, KAI TAK, WHICH HAS BEEN IN THE NEWS RECENTLY WHEN SUnderlands of the Squadron were forced down by bad weather off the island of Hainan, has carried safely over 1,000 passengers on the regular air routes and on special flights since it came to Hong Kong last October.

Routine services are run to Japan and Singapore and other flights are made to Australia and Ceylon. The fact that only one trip has had to be cancelled owing to unserviceability of aircraft is an excellent testimony to the work of the ground crews.

One of the five remaining Coastal Command flying boat squadrons, No. 209 has an interesting history, being formed as long ago as February, 1917 as No. 9 squadron, Royal Naval Air Service.

The squadron's emblem, in heraldic parlance, "an eagle volant recumbent descendant in pale wings overtur," was awarded with the motto "Might and Main" in 1941. It was the badge of German flying "Aces" Baron von Richthofen, and commemorated his being shot down by Captain Brown, a member of the squadron, in 1918. A piece of the fuselage and a bullet from the Red Baron's aircraft are still preserved among the squadron's trophies.

FIRST IN H.K.

On Sept. 19, 1945, the first British flying boat to be seen by the inhabitants of Hong Kong after the capitulation brought the Air Officer Commanding up to Kai Tak by way of Hainan. The first batch of internees from Stanley prison camp left in one of the squadron's aircraft and another was the first flying boat to land in Tokyo Bay.

Some idea of the outstanding good work carried out by No. 209 squadron can be gathered from the fact that, during August, 1945, with only six flying boats on operational duty, the squadron flew a total of over 818 hours.

Total "bau" of decorations during the war was 10 D.F.C.s and five D.F.M.s.

The squadron's mascot is a monkey, found floating on a log at Mombasa, where it took the place of the notorious "Mr. Rambo" a tame golden eagle.

Present Commanding Officer is Wing-Commander W. E. Ode-Shan, A.F.C., who comes from Manchester.

D.G.S. Has New Headmistress

The Diocesan Girls' School, now temporarily a co-educational institution, is to be under the charge of a new Headmistress, Miss A. W. Hurrell, M.A. (London).

Miss Hurrell, who arrived in Hong Kong on Sunday, was Headmistress of the girls' side of Ranelagh School, Bracknell, and was also a Lecturer in the Education Department of the University of Reading.

It is her first visit to the Far East. It was at Reading that she met the former Headmistress of the D.G.S., Miss E. M. Gibbons, who persuaded her to come out to Hong Kong.

Miss Gibbons, who was an intern at Stanley, 1939, is unlikely to return in the near future.

The D.G.S. has at present a roll of 285 girls and boys. There is a long waiting-list of children whose parents desire their enrolment in the School. It is probable that the Air Officer Commanding up to Kai Tak by way of Hainan, the first batch of internees from Stanley prison camp left in one of the squadron's aircraft and another was the first flying boat to land in Tokyo Bay.

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At the moment there is a shortage of everything at the School except quarters. Many of the desks, chairs and tables are makeshift and will have to be replaced in time with more suitable equipment.

There is a shortage also of textbooks and the Senior Class of 23, who are to sit for the London University Matriculation Examinations in June, are the hardest hit. In some subjects the class has to share a half-dozen text books.

The problems of games is also a difficult one. The School possesses one of the best grounds in the Colony but no sports equipment.

"BODILY HARM"

A young Chinese, Yue Chau-chuen, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday with causing grievous bodily harm upon a girl, Tsang Mui at No. 152, Des Voeux Road Central, third floor, on March 9.

It was alleged that accused rubbed a Chinese medicine on complainant's face.

At the request of Detective Sub-Inspector Lau, the case was adjourned till Saturday.

LEPER WORK IN CHINA

To-day's lecture at the Catholic Centre, King's Ridge, (1st floor) will be given by Rev. Fr. Joseph Sweeney on leper work in China. Fr. Sweeney has been for many years Director of the Leper Asylum in Sunwul. He has just returned from America on his way to the same place where he will resume his work. The lecture will be at 6.30 and everybody is welcome.

U.S. dollars were unchanged at \$4.80 for \$20 notes and \$4.60 for smaller denominations.

English Sterling had buyers at \$16.60 only, while Australian pounds appreciated to \$12.50.

Importance Of Character Training

THE IMPORTANCE OF CHARACTER TRAINING AND THE GREAT INFLUENCE WHICH TEACHERS BY THEIR EXAMPLE AND BE

SITUATION IN MUKDEN Not Quite As Bad As Portrayed?

Russian Move In Iran

WASHINGTON, MAR. 13.—THE STATE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY DISCLOSED IT HAD RECEIVED REPORTS THAT RUSSIANS ARMED FORCES AND "HEAVY MILITARY EQUIPMENT" HAVE BEEN MOVING SOUTH FROM THE SOVIET BORDER TOWARDS TEHERAN AND THE WESTERN BORDER OF IRAN.

It said the United States had asked the Russian Government to confirm or deny the reports and if that they were true to give an explanation.

Diplomatic authorities said the forces are reported to include tanks and artillery in considerable strength.

The new American note is in addition to the note sent earlier this month protesting against the failure of the Soviets to withdraw their troops from Iran completely on March 2 in accordance with the Anglo-Soviet-American agreement with the Teheran government during the war.

Officials said they did not know exactly the significance of the troops' movements toward the western border of Iran which is opposite Turkey and Iraq with its rich Mosul oilfields but said that the development, if true, might be connected with Russian pressure on Turkey for possession of the Turkish provinces of Kars and Ardahan and for special rights in the control of the Dardanelles.—Associated Press.

"Midway's" Cruise

Aboard Carrier "Midway" off Labrador, Mar. 12.—Rear-Admiral Cassidy, commanding the task group built around the super-carrier "Midway," said it in general the dividing line for cold weather operations appears about 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Above that figure air operations can be fairly normal but below it new operating methods must be devised.

He said it appears possible that carriers can handle a complement of planes in any kind of temperature but that radar is likely to be less effective in northern waters because of snowstorms, and underwater sound detectors will also be less efficient. Cassidy is confident that new techniques in operating carriers will be developed as a result of the expedition.

The "Midway" is still searching for weather to provide a real cold test. The temperatures on March 10 were the coldest of the cruise at 17 degrees but not low enough to melt any appreciable ice on exposed equipment.—Associated Press.

Washington, March 13.—Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace yesterday said that he thought Britain should transfer some war bases to the United States on a permanent basis. He also told the Senate Banking Committee he would not support the proposed British loan "for a moment" if he thought it a step toward an alliance with Britain.—Associated Press.

London, March 13.—A new International Agreement on merchant shipping, relaxing almost entirely the control of vessels and their movements, was announced yesterday in a White Paper issued by the Ministry of War Transport. The only close control will be for ships entering the Washington pool for relief and rehabilitation tonnage, shipped from Canada and the United States.—Associated Press.

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Foreign Circles Pessimistic

CHUNGKING, MAR. 13.—ALTHOUGH THE PRECISE SITUATION PREVAILING AT MUKDEN HAS BEEN OBSCURED BY INCONSISTENT REPORTS, FEELING IS DEVELOPING IN CHUNGKING THAT THE SITUATION THERE IS NOT QUITE SO BAD AS HAS BEEN PORTRAYED. IT IS TAKEN FOR GRANTED HERE THAT THE NATIONALISTS WILL BE ABLE TO RETAIN CONTROL OF MUKDEN DESPITE REPORTED INCURSIONS OF THE COMMUNISTS WHO FROM ALL ACCOUNTS HAVE AT MOST SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING A TOEHOLD IN ONLY ONE SUBURBAN SECTION OF THE CITY.

Authorities here heard with much relief the Soviet explanation that Soviet troops from Mukden who are now in Chungchuan are merely pausing there on their way out of Manchuria.

Raising hopes of improvement in the situation is the agreement reached at Chungking on Monday for the inclusion of Manchuria in the operational zone of the Sino-American Headquarters at Peiping.

Although an official announcement on the subject issued in Chungking yesterday did not say exactly the significance of the troops' movements toward the western border of Iran which is opposite Turkey and Iraq with its rich Mosul oilfields but said that the development, if true, might be connected with Russian pressure on Turkey for possession of the Turkish provinces of Kars and Ardahan and for special rights in the control of the Dardanelles.—Associated Press.

THREE POINTS

More sanguine quarters in Chungking are hoping the different Nationalist and Communist agreements involving Manchuria will help in composing the situation there. Three points in particular are worth mentioning—firstly, under the truce agreement signed in Chungking on Jan. 10 movements of the Nationalists into or within Manchuria for the purpose of restoring Chinese sovereignty were expressly permitted.

Secondly, under the recent agreement for the re-organisation and nationalisation of the army, the Communists agreed to cut all forces under their control to ten divisions in 18 months.

BATTLE PREDICTED

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Associated Press Correspondent Spencer Davis reported from Northeast China Command Headquarters at Changchun, Manchuria, that Chinese Government troops inside Mukden were taking control of the city in orderly fashion. They were reported steadily reinforced by well-equipped troops moving up the Peiping rail road.

Another report, from an Associated Press correspondent at Tientsin, said Manchurian observers predicted a fairly large battle in the next few days between Chinese Communist and Government forces for possession of Mukden.

GENERAL LEAVING

A Chinese Central News Agency dispatch from Mukden said Maj.-Gen. Kovtun Stankevitch himself planned to leave

GOVT. TROOPS MOVING

The movement of Central Government troops into or toward Manchuria continues. Six landing ships (L.S.T.s) carrying 4,000 troops of the new 71st Chinese army left Shanghai for Chinwangtao, presumably en route to Manchuria. The movement will continue until the entire 71st is transported.

Elements of four other Government armies already are

Shortage Of Cereals

Washington, March 13.

Former President Herbert Hoover said yesterday that supplies of cereal now available to avert starvation in war torn countries are eight to nine million tons short of the minimum needs.

However, he said in a news conference, that he believed all but one or two million tons of the deficit could be made up through reduced consumption in the United States and other western hemisphere countries. Hoover said a emergency committee and the Agriculture Department will seek to obtain five million tons of cereals from Latin-American countries, through a combination of reduced consumption and increased export, and savings of two million tons of wheat in the United States by July 1.

Hoover said he expected to fly to France on March 17. He said his itinerary was not completed but that there was a possibility that he might go to India.—Associated Press.

CAWNPORE RIOTS

New Delhi, March 13.—Disturbances in connection with the provincial elections now in progress resulted in the death of two persons and injuring of six when the police fired on a mob at Cawnpore yesterday.

Troops were called to patrol the streets, curfew was established and assemblies were banned. The disturbances began when Congress Party supporters and Nationalist Muslims and Muslim League members and Communists started a fight. A Sikh temple was burned and two shops were looted.—Associated Press.

FOREIGN PEASIMISM

It is believed possible that during his coming visits to the White House, Marshall will discuss with President Truman the appointment of an American Ambassador to China—a post which has been left vacant since the resignation of Major-General Patrick J. Hurley.

Reports are current in Chungking that General Marshall will remain in the United States for three weeks before he returns to China.

There is common recognition in Chungking to-day that the whole future of China hinges on the manner in which the truce and the army reorganisation agreements reached with Marshall's help and advice are observed.

Feeling in Chinese quarters is one of hope but canvass of opinion in foreign diplomatic circles reveals that the proponentarian sentiment is sceptical and pessimistic.

Associated Press.

Plain Speaking By U.S. Senator

WASHINGTON, MAR. 13.—SENATOR TOM CONNALLY, TEXAS DEMOCRAT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, CALLED ON TUESDAY FOR A NEW "BIG THREE" MEETING TO DISCUSS "IN LANGUAGE CLEAR AND PLAIN AND, IF NEED BE, BLUNT," THE ISSUES WHICH HE SAID OTHERWISE MAY BLAZE INTO WORLD FRICITION. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE POWERFUL SENATE COMMITTEE TOLD HIS COLLEAGUES IN A PREPARED ADDRESS THAT RUSSIA MUST UNDERSTAND THAT WHILE SHE HAS THE UNCHALLENGED RIGHT TO MAINTAIN ANY FORM OF GOVERNMENT SHE WANTS, "THESE RIGHTS DO NOT EXTEND BEYOND HER BOUNDARIES."

Connally's statement carried added significance because the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee usually is recognised as ranking behind the President and Secretary of State in foreign policy matters.

The senator called for maintenance by the United States of an adequate army, a superior Navy and a superlative air force, adding that they would back up American determination not only to resist aggression by arms, but to oppose aggression by economic and political pressure or manoeuvre.

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Post-Mortem Session In Teheran

Teheran, March 13. Iran became a nation without legislative direction yesterday at the close of the final meeting of the 14th Majlis (Parliament) leaving Premier Quavam es Salang in the role of dictator.

The last session, like others during the past week, was held without a quorum.

The exact number of deputies which braved mobs of demonstrators to enter the Majlis was not announced.

Many Right-Wing deputies have stayed away from the Majlis since the Left-Wing Tudeh Party began marching in protest against a proposal that Parliament should vote to extend its own life.

The two-year term of the legislative body ended yesterday and Iranian law prohibits a new election as long as foreign troops remain in the country.

Deputies who attended the final session yesterday were pledged to secrecy on the proceedings but a Cabinet member close to the Premier said that Quavam gave an account of his recent mission to Moscow.—Associated Press.

SNAKES ALIVE!

LONDON, MARCH 12.—AN AVERAGE OF FOUR TO FIVE IDEAS WEEKLY WAS SUBMITTED DURING THE WAR TO THE DIRECTORATE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY.

All were considered and many were adopted but kept secret.

Some of the more fantastic suggestions included: a bayonet attached to soldiers' boots for kicking purposes. Another hoped to train a fleet of cormorants to peck all mortar from the walls of Krups factories at Essen and his rival was a man who proposed to fire shells full of poisonous snakes into enemy trenches.

Reuter.

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NAZI BOMBING PERFECT! Effort To Justify Coventry Raid

Dutch Horror Was Necessary

NUERNBERG, MAR. 13.—TOUGH, BALD FIELD-MARSHAL KESSELRING TOLD THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL YESTERDAY THAT HE WAS AT LEAST PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBING OF WARSAW, ROTTERDAM AND COVENTRY.
HE MAINTAINED THAT THE BOMBINGS WERE JUSTIFIED BY "MILITARY NECESSITY"

Testifying in defense of Hermann Goering, Kesselsring said: "The bombs on Coventry landed perfectly. Sometimes a whole area must be considered as a target."

He maintained that Coventry was "technically industrial center" and constituted a legitimate target. He said that photographs taken by his Government showed that the bombs "landed perfectly although I fear much damage was caused by the fire."

Kesselsring said he commanded one of the air fleets which bombed Rotterdam and the bombing of the centre of the Dutch city "was required tactfully by the situation." He said he heard that the attack was carried out during the armistice negotiations "but if this was the case I was never able to find out it should be counted as an accident of war."

Kesselsring agreed that he also commanded the air assault on Warsaw which he described as a fortress. He asserted that everything possible was done to hit only military targets.

LORD HALIFAX'S EVIDENCE

Now Delhi, March 13.—A sharp rise in mortality due to cholera, plague and small-pox was recorded in the United Provinces for the week ending Feb. 23, it was learned yesterday. There were 161 cases of cholera, with 73 deaths, representing an increase of 46 over the previous week. There were 390 cases of plague and 229 deaths, representing an increase of 87 deaths over the previous week.

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were being taken by the public health department. —Associated Press.

MALAYA WARNING

Singapore, March 13.—A warning that a food crisis might develop during the second half of 1946 was voiced here yesterday by C. J. Pyke, economic adviser of the Malayan Union.

Pyke revealed Government plans to place 6,000 acres under immediate short term cultivation and a further 20,000 acres of wet paddy land during the fallow season.

In addition, he said, Government is introducing a scheme of compulsory food growing by large land-owners, and Government is subsidising farmer settlers and guaranteeing to market their crops. —Associated Press.

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OCCUPATION CHANGES

Ottawa, March 13.—Brigades from the newly consti-
tuted armies of Belgium, the
Netherlands, Denmark and Nor-
way, likely, will take over the
occupation duties of the Canadian
division which will start to withdraw on April 1, it
was learned here yesterday.

The occupation forces from the
four nations will serve in the
British zone and probably will be
under British command as the
Canadian forces have been. —As-
sociated Press.

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT ARAB STATE WHERE A CONSTITUTION WOULD GUARANTEE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS TO ALL CITIZENS, IS THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THE PALESTINE PROBLEM, JAMAL HUSSEINI, CHAIRMAN OF THE LARGEST ARAB POLITICAL PARTY IN PALESTINE, TOLD THE JOINT ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMISSION YESTERDAY.

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Unless "some just solution" can be found for the Palestine country by influx of Jewish

problem the only thing left to money and immigration the re-
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to police to be withdrawn allowing to the
Arabs and Jews to "settle the material interests of the Arab
population."

Husseini told the commission
the problem of finding homes for
Jews is one that concerns the
whole civilised world, but that
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where than Palestine. —Asso-
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Husseini said that if that was
done many "hostile" would
realise they had lost all hope of
attaining a Jewish State and
many of them would leave Palesti-
ne of their own free will."

He said Jews then remaining in
Palestine would settle down to a
peaceful life.

He claimed the Mufti was
"chased into Germany by the
British and did what he could do
to protect the interests of his
own people."

Husseini said the "Germans
were not our enemy" and de-
clared that the Arabs main-
tained a neutral attitude because
"we had no interest in the war."

CLAIMS DISCOUNTED

Singapore, March 13.—The bodies of a British Major and two Indian soldiers reported missing on Monday were found in an Indonesian hospital in a village 20 miles southeast of Medan, Sumatra, the Southeast Asia Command Headquarters announced yesterday. One Indian soldier was reported still missing. Two wounded Indian soldiers were found at the hospital.

Troops of the 20th Indian Division continued to search an area known to be a terrorist lair held in Sumatra.

British artillery was used for
the first time in Sumatra when
British patrols encountered heavy
fire and machine gun fire from
Indonesian forces of about
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China And Turkestan

Cairo, March 13.
Chungking, March 13.
An agreement being negotiated between the Chinese Government and Turkestan dissidents who established the republic of Eastern Turkestan in 1944 was described to the Kuomintang congress yesterday by Gen. Chiang Chi-hung, minister of the political department of the National Military Council.

General Chiang said the agreement which has not yet been approved by the Chinese Government would provide for election by the people of two vice-governors and enlargement of the provincial government, which would be drawn from people of the province.—Associated Press.

WAR VISITS EIRE

DUBLIN, MARCH 13.
WAR CAME TO NEUTRAL EIRE FOR THE FIFTH TIME TO-DAY WHEN A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION ROCKED DALKLEY, A SEA-SIDE TOWN TEN MILES FROM DUBLIN.

The explosion was caused by a drifting mine. Several houses were wrecked, roofs were stripped of slates, doors wrenched from their hinges, walls collapsed and all shop windows in the main street were shattered.

Several people were slightly injured by flying glass.

Neutral Eire had four air raids during the war, two on Dublin and one on the border of Wexford and Kilkenny.—Reuters.

CENSORSHIP IN EGYPT

Cairo, March 13.
Prime Minister Ismail Shukry Pasha, replying to opposition demands for an end to government censorship, told the Egyptian senate the government's restrictions on the press are necessary to suppress calls for revolution. The opposition leader declared the censorship imposed on newsmen after the anti-British riots of February 21 was the worst the country ever had known.

—Associated Press.

Rome, March 13.
Returns from 166 communes gave the Christian Democratic Right Wing a slight edge over the Socialist-Communist bloc in the March 10 municipal elections.—Associated Press.

B.A.A.G. MAN CHARGED

WONG WING-TIM, ALIAS THOMAS TIM WONG, ON THE STAFF OF THE BRITISH ARMY AID GROUP, HONG KONG OFFICE, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. HORACE LO YESTERDAY WITH OBTAINING \$9,600 FROM MAJOR R. C. COOPER, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE B.A.A.G. ON OR ABOUT NOV. 29, 1945, BY FALSE PRETENCES. MR. F. X. D'ALMADA ASSISTED BY DETECTIVE SUB-INSPECTOR WATSON, APPEARED FOR THE CROWN, WHILE MR. A. DA SILVA APPEARED FOR THE DEFENCE.

The case, it was understood, will be for committal. It was alleged that on or about Nov. 29, 1945, together with a woman not in custody, accused obtained \$9,600 from Major Cooper, pretending that the woman was named Chan Yink-ling.

Major Robert Craig Cooper said that he was attached to the Rajputana Rifles before the Occupation of the Colony. He was officer commanding the British Aid Group last year in the Hong Kong office. Accused was a member of the B.A.A.G. staff. He instructed accused to contact the dependents of certain former employees of the B.A.A.G. The employees had been known to accused, and not to him. He wished to know the ages of their dependents, number and ages of their children.

As a result of these instructions accused gained information concerning four cases. The case of Lam Kwok-yue was one.

DEPENDENTS INTERVIEWED

On or about Nov. 29, 1945, accused was at his office on the third floor, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building. He had previously asked accused to bring the dependents concerned in the four cases of which accused had submitted particulars.

Accused reported to him that the dependents concerned had been brought to the office. Witness then interviewed them individually and separately.

In the case of Lam Kwok-yue, the dependent he interviewed was a female, the "widow." He made a payment of \$9,600 to the woman and she signed a receipt. This woman was brought into his private office from the outer office by his interpreter following his request to have the widow of Lam Kwok-yue.

Some time in February this year, a woman who claimed to be the widow of Lam Kwok-yue came to see him at his office. As a result of this interview, accused was arrested and charged with the offence.

RECEIVED \$2,500

Witness said that he could not say that the woman who came to his office in November last year was the same one that came to see him in February.

Chan Yin-king, residing at No. 552, Nathan Road, third floor, said that her deceased husband was Lam Kwok-yue, who was arrested by the Japanese sometime in 1944 and died after his release from prison sometime in January, 1945.

Accused came to her house sometime in December last year, and asked for the widow of Lam. She was told by accused that she was entitled to receive money from the B.A.A.G. for the work her husband had done. She was supposed to receive \$2,500, but had to have a guarantee. Her father acted as guarantor and received \$2,500 from accused, which her father and herself signed a receipt.

After hearing the evidence, the case was adjourned till March 19, at 2.30 p.m.

—Associated Press.

ENSA SHOWS

An All-Star Variety Show, "Chinese Crackers," is to be the next attraction at the ENSA Star Theatre. The show features its own band, the Chinese Symphonists, led by Jimmy Pickard, and is one of the most widely-travelled of all ENSA companies.

Another variety show, "To Your Likin," is likely to follow "Chinese Crackers." One of its features is the famous Dumarts and Denzel skeleton act.

Another probable ENSA attraction for Hong Kong in the near future is the Festival Company from London, starring Roger Livesey and Ursula Jeans, who may do George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man."

Other possibilities among coming attractions are the Anglo-Polish Ballet and the Singapore Symphony Orchestra. Much, however, will depend on transport arrangements.

ENSA will also be sending a show to the British Occupation Forces at Kure in Japan. This will be "Stop, Look and Listen," starring Anna Rogers of BBC fame.

ARMS ON FERRY

For unlawful possession of three rounds of rifle ammunition at the Cheung Chau wharf, Yip Kwok-wai was sentenced to four weeks' hard labour by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday.

Detective Sub-Inspector Fong told the Court that at about 9.45 a.m. on March 10, accused was going on board the Cheung Chau ferry when he was searched by a constable, and the ammunition found inside his underwear pocket.

HONG KONG CRICKET

In their return cricket game between Royal Air Force and Army at the Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday Air Force won by 100 runs, thanks to the good bowling of Ward and Kenyon who took five wickets each.

Gilling and Bailey opened the batting for R.A.F. and 25 runs were scored in the first 35 minutes. Scoring was slow and Withcombe and Pardon, bowling for the Army, kept the runs down. With a change of bowling the score quickly mounted. Gilling and Evans hitting out freely without giving many chances.

Bailey had to retire in the early part of the game owing to an injury. Just before lunch the batsmen became somewhat wild and Gilling was bowled by Withcombe. Immediately after Evans played on a ball from Stewart. These two batsmen had scored 66 and 60 respectively.

At lunch time the score was 130 for 2 wickets.

Ward followed after lunch and scored 60 not out. He was dropped at 34. John made a quick 18 but was well caught by Crombie off a ball by Whitecombe.

Royal Air Force declared at 2.45 p.m. with the score 209 for 4 wickets.

Army opened with Crombie and Furlong, who appeared to have settled down fairly comfortably when the former was caught and bowled by Ward. Furlong who was top scorer with 19 was the only batsman to stay any length of time.

The Army were all out for 40 at 4.15 p.m.

Ward took 5 wickets for 25 runs and Kenyon 5 wickets for 24 runs.

—Associated Press.

LOCAL BASKETBALL

The U.S.S. Vestal beat the Chinese Y.M.C.A. by 64 points to 54 in a basketball game played at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, yesterday evening. The first half was closely contested, the Americans leading at the half-way stage by 24 points to 20.

The victory for U.S.S. Vestal avenged an earlier defeat. A third game between the two teams will be played on Sunday evening.

TENANT EVICTED BY SUB-TENANT

A PRE-WAR PRINCIPAL TENANT WHO RETURNED TO THE COLONY AND FOUND HIMSELF EVICTED ON APPLICATION BY HIS FORMER SUB-TENANT APPEARED BEFORE MR. LEO D'ALMADA IN THE COURT OF APPEAL YESTERDAY, SEEKING A REVERSAL OF THE DECISION BY THE TENANCY TRIBUNAL WHICH ORDERED HIS EVICTION.

The action of appeal was filed by Cheng Sang against the Tenancy Tribunal in granting an order for eviction to Tam Cheung in respect of the premises at No. 141, Main Street, ground floor.

The appellant was represented by Mr. F. H. Losoby while Mr. H. L. Kwan was for the respondent.

Mr. Losoby said that the appeal was against the decision of the Tenancy Tribunal of which Mr. M. W. Lo was chairman.

The premises concerned were occupied by appellant until May last year. Prior to this, part of the shop was let to respondent to carry on business.

In May last the appellant brought his family to the country because of conditions in the Colony. It was arranged with the respondent to continue his sub-tenancy and to pay rent to appellant's brother who was to pay the appropriate taxes to the Japanese. In November appellant came back and occupied a cubicle.

Meanwhile, said Mr. Losoby, respondent, sometime in September, came to an agreement with the landlord and took over the tenancy at a monthly rental of \$60, as against a pre-war rental of \$38. This, Mr. Losoby pointed out, was a breach of the proclamation.

JUDGMENT WAS RESERVED.

CREDITS FROM BRITAIN

London, Mar. 13.
Britain is not in a position to give large credits in the world to-day, said the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, when discussing the Anglo-French trade negotiations in the House of Commons.

He said that people in general must try for what they get from Britain with responsible frankness. He added, in reply to a question, that he was not prepared to grant trade credits for Italy.

CONTINUED TAXES

Mr. Losoby said that the Tribunal, by ruling that appellant had left for the country and had no right to reclaim possession was wrong in law. He argued that appellant's tenancy was sub-

"MIDAS" TO BE SCRATCHED

London, Mar. 13.
The Lincolnshire favourite Midas, who went lame after a career on Monday, will be scratched from the Lincolnshire Handicap, according to his trainer.

Call-over prices were: 12 to 1 Langton Abbott taken and offered, 100 to 1 Prawneur offered, 22 to 1 Poolix offered, 25 to 1 Elferstone offered, 28 to 1 Hanover taken and offered, 28 to 1 Rustic offered 30 to 1 Giraud offered, 33 to 1 Anglosoy taken and offered, 33 to 1 Timanov and Eric's folly offered, 40 to 1 Cape Race taken and offered, 40 to 1 Frosty Moon, Lorretta, Bellinda and Breakindon offered, 50 to 1 Battle Hymn, Tony, Vicinity, Thelot and Castle Blarney offered, 66 to 1 Colorama, Dijon offered.

Call-over on the Grand National to be run on April 5: 8 to 1 Prince Regent taken and offered, 100 to 6 Chaka offered, 18 to 1 taken, 100 to 6 Limestone Reward offered 20 to 1 taken, 18 to 1 Poorfame offered 20 to 1 taken, 20 to 1 Redrawer and Kandal offered, 30 to 1 Kamiel taken and offered, 30 to 1 Schubert offered, 33 to 1 Symbol and Norman Hackle offered, 40 to 1 taken 22 to 1 Jock, Knight's Crest, Post Prince and Lovely Cottage offered, 45 to 1 to 1 MacMoffatt offered, 45 to 1 taken, 40 to 1 Paragon offered, 50 to 1 taken, 40 to 1 Jalcreys and E.P. offered, 45 to 1 Suzerain offered, 50 to 1 Edgemar, Callaly, Newarkhill and Sentol offered. The next call-over on both races will be Friday next.

The news that Midas might not run in the Lincolnshire Handicap revolutionised the betting at the race over last night. There was instant demand for Langton Abbott, who was installed favourite. He was backed to win £25,000. Prawneur, who was heavily backed during the week-end shortened from 25 to 1 to 100 to 7 as second favourite. There was a general shortening of those horses high in the list. Treasury shortened six points since last Monday.

Sensational bets of the day were recorded for Giraud. Backed to take £33,000 out of the books, his price tumbled from 60 to 1 to 30 to 1. Although Cape Race was supported to win £8,000, his absence from exercise to-day reflected in the betting.

There was little change in the Grand National. Prince Regent remained steady. The French candidate Symbol had good support being backed to win £20,000.

Others well-supported were Schubert MacMoffatt, Paragon and the Frenchman Kamiel.—Reuter.

London, March 13.
Reports compiled in Rome state that 22,000,000 people died during the war, the Vatican Radio said to-day.—Reuter.

—Associated Press.

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Hitch-hiked 2,000 Miles

LIVERPOOL, MAR. 14.—AN 18-YEAR OLD BRITISH STUDENT WHO STOWED AWAY TO CROSS THE ATLANTIC HITCH-HIKED 2,000 MILES FROM HALIFAX, CANADA, TO THE AMERICAN BORDER AND WAS CAUGHT STOWING AWAY IN A FERRY-BOAT CROSSING THE DETROIT, WHERE HE WAS LANDED AT LIVERPOOL, TODAY FROM THE STEAMSHIP IN WHICH HE WENT TO AMERICA AND WAS STILL IN POSSESSION OF HIS ORIGINAL CAPITAL OF £4.

He is Timothy Edward Meredith, who stowed away in the 19,760-ton Cunard liner "Seyth" last Christmas.

During the outward voyage he mingled with the passengers in third class, and on arrival at Halifax "Timmy" walked off the ship at Halifax.

After five days of sightseeing in Halifax, he started his 2,000-mile journey to the border, arriving in two weeks at the Detroit River, where he boarded a ferry-boat. He was questioned by the American immigration authorities, who passed him over to the Canadian immigration officials to await deportation.

"It was very annoying to have crossed the Atlantic only to be picked up in a little ferry boat," Meredith said on his return. Asked what he did in Canada, he replied: "Well, I wanted to see the world." He did odd jobs in Canada to cover his expenses.—Reuter.

EMPTY BEER BOTTLES

TOKYO, Mar. 13.—Thousands of empty beer bottles was the strange cargo which reached here today on an Australian supply ship. They arrived to fill a gap caused by the atomic bomb on Hiroshima—which left the brewery intact, but caused a shortage of bottles.

"When the bottles are filled they will meet the demand for beer in the British Zone of Occupation."—Reuter.

Record Air Flight

LONDON, March 13.—An R.A.F. Transport Command "Lancaster" reached Northolt, Middlesex, after making air history by completing the round trip to New Zealand and back—25,000 miles in 6½ days.

The plane, which is an adaptation for civilian use of the wartime "Lancaster" bomber, flew from England to New Zealand in 62 hours 5 minutes, making the return trip in 61 hours 28 minutes. The outward flight beat the previous record by 22 hours.

Another record set up in the outward journey was in reaching Australia in 45 hours 35 minutes.

The aim of the flight, however, is not to establish records. It was a special training trip for crews belonging to a "very important persons flight, specializing in long-range work."—Reuter.

India Faced With Terrible Famine

WASHINGTON, MAR. 13.

UNLESS INDIA RECEIVED THE AMOUNT OF CEREALS IT HAS ASKED FOR THE COUNTRY IS FACED WITH MILLIONS OF DEATHS FROM STARVATION, SIR NAZIM KHWAJA, A LEADING MEMBER OF THE INDIAN FOOD DELEGATION, SAID YESTERDAY.

L.P.T.B Reveals Its Wartime Secrets

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not like it and the service dropped after six weeks.

By 1945 passenger miles run were 9,300,000,000, or 13 per cent. above pre-war. In 1945 country bus services were carrying 90 per cent. more passengers than pre-war.

HIGH SPEED TUBES

From 1939 from a staff of 86,000 the L.P.T.B. saw nearly 23,000 serve in the forces of full-time civil defence. In air attacks on London, 426 of the staff were killed and 2,873 injured.

The Board's report is more concerned with the future than speed underground must be the past. It said new high-speed underground must be used to relieve the existing congestion with early completion of the North-east London scheme involving railway lines and electrification. Elsewhere underground lines are to be extended, increased costs have justified higher fares are coming.

Among other feats, hasty establishment of floodgates to prevent flooding the underground system if the Germans had a lucky hit, protection against gas and the training of staff in air raid precautions. With arrangements completed 400 auto coaches were transformed into equipped ambulances in five hours. Whenever bombs so battered railway and tram lines that operation was impossible the L.P.T.B. had buses available to give an alternative service.—Reuter.

Washington, Mar. 13.

Canadian diplomatic officials said yesterday the Dominion already is reported to be ahead of its international food commitments, but is launching a campaign for "voluntary sacrifice" further to assist India, China and other nations which are short on essential foods. One official said: "When we get through with this drive Canada will have no wheat on hand except that needed for minimum home consumption, and need for the next crop. Our bins will be scraped clean."—Associated Press.

London, Mar. 13.

Lord Balfour, President of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire, vigorously protested yesterday against the conditions attached to the proposed \$4,400,000,000 American loan to Britain.

Addressing members of the Empire Industries Association which is campaigning against the loan clause abolishing imperial preference, Lord Balfour declared that "the Americans feel that the golden rules of the Empire market were waiting to be forced upon us by the pass key of the golden dollar."

It would be an exaggeration to say that the British Socialist Government has sold into the bonds of Wall Street the present and future economic unity of the Empire, but it is no exaggeration to say that we have offered to put in nearly our future share of Empire development as a condition of accepting the loan.

Mr. Kwan said that he was not bound to warn witness for if so he would have to do so throughout.

Mr. Smith said he made the submission as he felt that witness was entitled to some protection. Witness had volunteered to give evidence.

The Court said that I did not do such kind of things."

The second accused, when charged said: "As regards these facts, there are many names which I do not know. I will tell the officers about my position and work for the Japanese."

After being duly warned, accused gave both states that they had nothing to say. Accused were committed for trial.

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TREASON CHARGES

Accused To Stand Trial

Week's Hearing Concludes

SO LEUNG AND TSUI KWOK CHING, CHARGED WITH HIGH TREASON, WERE COMMITTED TO TRIAL BY MR. C. Y. KWAN AT THE SUMMARY MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY AFTER A WEEK'S HEARING DURING WHICH OVER 30 WITNESSES WERE HEARD.

THE PROSECUTION IS CONDUCTED BY MR. R. S. SMITH ASSISTED BY MR. J. O'DONOVAN WHILE THE ACCUSED ARE REPRESENTED BY MR. E. S. C. BROOKS.

Evidence was given by two Capt. Kyoichi Yamaguchi and Capt. Kyoichi Yamaguchi and was educated in Japan and was a member of the Japanese Army.

He produced a book. It was during the occupation, who a file of the trial and judgments of Court Martial of the Japanese Government in Hong Kong occupied territory from 1942 to 1945.

All this has grown out of the large numbers of mascot "abduct" children who are fed and sent to school, and numerous regular hangers-on in the vicinity of Service cook-houses. One R.A.F. Squadron adopted a whole orphanage. Many units have their regular foster-children who are carefully scrubbed daily and sent to school.

Out of all this has grown a legend. It is an accepted fact among street-urchins that to pinch a Serviceman brings luck. One has to "mit kwan yan" (in the colloquial) to have a successful day polishing a score of pairs of shoes.

The usual procedure is to approach from the back, pinch vigorously and then yell for "cumsha". This is usually paid without demur. Some respect is paid, however, for nios. The practice has not yet reached the obnoxious stage. Shoe-shining, however,

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